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New Canton gym, brown space to green space

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter

Sitting on an overgrown site was a broken down, dilapidated building called the Canton Gym … until today. In its place sits a newly renovated, energy efficient and environmental friendly, state-of-the-art building.

On May 18, 2012 the grand opening of the new Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Canton Gym was held in Canton, Okla.

"Thank you all for coming today, this building is a structure that resembles hard work. It resembles when people come together and desire to get something accomplished. I would like to thank Damon Dunbar the special projects manager of the Housing Authority for seeing this project through and all the men who put their dedication and hard work into this building. The gym is in its final stages, and we are working on the punch list as of right now, once it is completed the tribe can move forward in its plans for the new building," Orville Whiteskunk, Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority, executive director said in his opening remarks.

In 2002 the tribes purchased the old Canton gym. In 2003 it was put into an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Pilot Project assessment grant.

"This building originally belonged to the Canton school district and was used as a gymnasium, class rooms and a shop," Ida Hoffman, Cheyenne and Arapaho, chief of staff said as she held up photos of the building before it was restored. "We assessed the gym for hazardous materials and tried several times for the EPA Brownfields Cleanup grant, but were unsuccessful. We made several attempts to restore this site, but the building was just too far-gone. In 2009 the Housing Authority received a $3 million dollar grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This building was included in the grant."

A Brownfield site is land previously used for industrial purposes or certain commercial uses. The land may be contaminated by low concentrations of hazardous waste or pollution and has the potential to be reused once it is cleaned up. The ARRA of 2009 is an economic stimulus package enacted by the 111th United States Congress in February 2009 and signed into law on Feb. 17, 2009, by President Barack Obama. The primary objective for ARRA was to save and create jobs almost immediately. Secondary objectives were to provide temporary relief programs for those most impacted by the recession and invest in infrastructure, education, health, and 'green' energy.

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Courtesy photo

Above: The newly renovated Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Canton gymnasium. Below: The gymnasium as it sat prior to its renovation.

Hoffman said the Canton community and tribal members that reside in the district will have a building they can be proud of, instead of the eyesore that it once was.

"One of the objectives within this grant was employment for our tribal members, we only hired three outside contractors and they were Ramsey and Associates, AAA Roofing Co. and Coventon Electric Co., the rest were all tribal

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Life's Journeys Spoken Memories

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter

Gazing out her living room window, dressed in a turquoise blue shirt, a string of pearls hanging around her neck, sits a petite Frances Beard. She seems to be searching her mind for the memories of her life.

"I was born in 1928 and I am thirty years young," Beard said as she giggled mischeviously, knowing she is actually 84 years old. "I can't remember a lot of things, but I will tell you what I do remember. I grew up with my grandparents mostly, the house had a lot of rooms and was a big building. When me, my brothers and sisters came along we filled up the rooms."

Beard, full blood Cheyenne, (Me'eooe, Stands in Sight Women) was born Jan. 11, 1928 to Edward and Jane White Thunder at her grandparent's two-story home that sat between Fonda and Seiling, Okla.

Beard shifted her gaze and pointed to a photo hanging on the wall above her sofa.

"That is my grandfather, that little guy in the middle is my father and my grandmother next to him. Behind them is the two-story house I grew up in. My grandfather had a farm and we planted potatoes, corn and other vegetables. My grandfather planted the food to get ready for the winter," Beard said. "I would have to go out to the field and help pick the crop so we could store the food in the large barn. We had a little bit of everything, chickens, turkeys, a couple cows and a team of horses. When it would come time we would have to go out in the yard and kill something to eat."

Beard said she remembered a lot of families would come to her grandparents' farm and set up camp to play hand games.

"Who ever lost would have to make supper for everyone," Beard laughed.

Beard said her grandparents were White Thunder and Dora.

"Everybody called my grandmother Yellow Crow, that was her Indian name, her English name was Dora. White Thunder is my grandfather's name, but his English name was Lean," she said as she turned her head to look back out the window and paused for a moment. "No one ever called my grandparents by their English names, only their Indian names."

Beard said she walked a mile to a country school everyday.

"I went to school with white kids, Mexican and Indian kids and we all were taught in one room," Beard said.

As Beard remembered her school days, her niece, Roberta Hamilton, arrived. She immediately made certain that Beard was comfortable by adjusting the ceiling fan and making her a glass of soda.

Beard, again said, "I can't remember a lot things … I will tell you what I can.

There was a moment of silence as she took a deep breath and adjusted her foot that was elevated on a stool in front of her chair.

"It was wintertime and my grandparents did not have money to get us rubber boots. One morning my grandmother woke us up early and said to us 'your grandpa is going to fix your legs' I thought what is he going to do to our legs. My grandfather had saved gunnysacks and wrapped them around our legs and feet so that our feet would be protected from the snow, but they still got wet by the time we got to school," Beard said.

"My brother, Eugene, would say 'hey take your boots off and we will hang them up in the

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Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Frances Beard

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Five-year-old golfer works his way to the pros, one putt at a time

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Each morning five-year-old Vincent Alexander Aispuro doesn't run to the television to watch cartoons.

Instead, dressed in his golf attire, wearing his lucky University of Oklahoma (OU) baseball cap, Vincent heads to his backyard to practice hitting golf balls.

"He gets up and automatically just gets dressed and goes out back to start hitting golf balls … before breakfast, before anything," Delores "D" Howlingwater, Vincent's grandmother said. "Its like, 'where you going Vincent' and he says 'outside to hit golf balls' … all on his own and he's been doing that since he was able to walk."

Vincent first began hitting balls with plastic clubs when he was 15 months old and has been hitting them ever since.

Charles Howlingwater, Vincent's grandfather, began playing golf seven years ago.

"I would be watching the golf station with Vincent in my lap and he would sit for hours with me and watch golf," Charles said. "Everyone knows who he is at the Watonga Golf Course and a lot of people are impressed by him."

When sitting in his high chair, Vincent would sit and stare out the window at his grandpa hitting golf balls or he would be watching the golf station his mother, Alicia said.

"I really didn't believe Vincent would stay interested (in golf) but his interest has only grown," Alicia said. "I play with dad and Vincent sometimes and I never thought he would be this good … I am so very proud of him."

She laughingly said she is right-handed but golfs left-handed and, "Vincent always tells me that I golf backwards."

Vincent said he looked forward to the golf scrambles at the Watonga Golf Course that he and his grandpa play three and four times a week. Vincent doesn't keep score, nor does he count his strokes, but said what he likes the best is "hitting my ball far with my driver."

Vincent can tell you the name of every club in his black and red OU golf bag, his favorite golfer is "Tiger Woods because he hits so many hole in ones," and when asked if his grandpa was his best friend, his reply was, "Grandpa isn't my best friend, he's my golfing buddy."

When Alicia's cousin, Carrie Whitlow, called and told her about the Jim Thorpe Games coming to Oklahoma City they immediately tried to register Vincent to play, however he did not meet the age requirement.

Vincent said what he loves the best about summer is getting to play golf with his grandpa he proudly showed off his new golf tees.

Vincent, Cheyenne, Arapaho, is the great grandson of Marie Whiteman, the grandson of Delores and Charles Howlingwater and the son of Alicia and Alfonso Aispuro. He has a younger sister, Avery, who he said, "I like to play with her and I help to take care of her."

Vincent confidently talks about the different holes at the Watonga Golf Course and said he knew everyone there.

"I have seen Vincent play with Charles a lot … he is fun to watch. He enjoys playing golf and its nice to see a young kid like that out there hitting the ball and hitting it well," Brian Ivins, Watonga Golf Course manager said. "He shows a lot of talent. He's young right now and free willed and can swing the club. Hopefully he will go far."

Vincent's grandpa, Charles, said if Vincent received an education from playing golf, then it would all be worth it, "I used to play by myself all the time and always wished I had someone to play with … then the good Lord brought me Vincent."

Vincent can be seen playing golf on www.youtube.com by googling aispuro912.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Above: Vincent Aispuro waits in the golf cart for his grandpa Charles Howlingwater at the Watonga Golf Course. Below: Vincent warms up before the golf scramble.

Hand games, part of history, culture

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter

The scent of fry bread floats from the kitchen as each woman hides a small bone or stick in their closed fists, swinging them back and forth in time with the beating of the drums. In front of them is a line of men beating the drums the women are keeping beat with. The game they are playing is called Hand Game.

On May 19, 2012 the Arapaho National Hand Game team sponsored the State Hand Game Tournament at the Geary Community Building in Geary, Okla.

"It is up to a player from the opposing team to guess where the sticks or bones are hidden, earning points for their team," Max Bear, Cheyenne and Arapaho, Culture and Heritage, project specialists said.

Counting sticks are used to keep score during the hand game, the earliest of American Indian gaming traditions.

"Players or teams take turns guessing at which hand holds the hidden object and the counting sticks are used to keep track of the number of right and wrong guesses," Bear said.

Bear said that the counting sticks are always kept and handled with great respect and reverence.

"They originated as invitational sticks for the Cheyenne Medicine lodge and their association with the ceremony gave them sacred or blessed powers," Bear said.

Throughout the day, the beat remained near constant, the cheers and rattlers got louder as each team moved closer to the winning position.

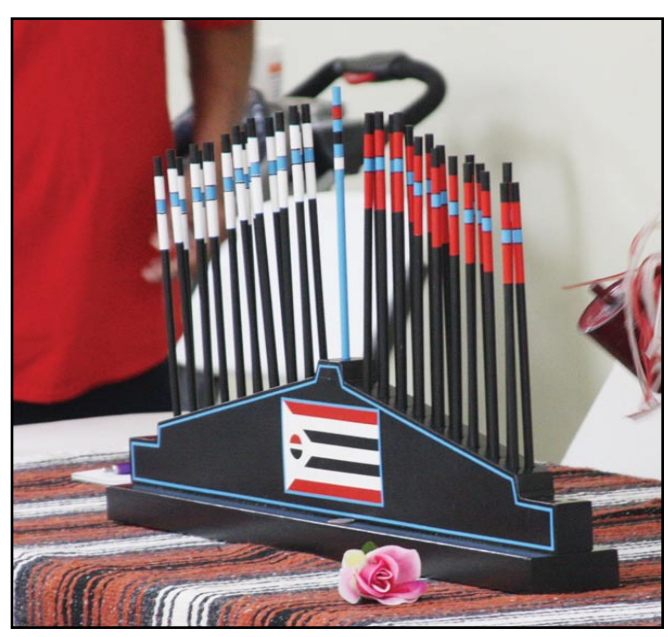
"Tribes throughout the plains hold Hand Games, which are social events with roots that stretch back generations," Bear said.

Bear said that several families throughout Cheyenne and Arapaho communities still keep Hand Game sticks that have been handed down from generation to generation.

"The Hand Game history tells us that our ancestors once played for land use, female companionship and even for horses and cattle," Bear said. "Today the games are played at powwows, tribal celebrations and recently in tournaments hosted by individual tribes or Indian organizations.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho team, Southside, took first place in this year's tournament.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Challengers compete in the Oklahoma State Hand Game Tournament in Geary, Okla.



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Counting sticks are used to keep scores during traditional Hand Games.

Annual Oklahoma Land Run celebration sparks first Indian Territory Revival event

Submitted article

Many images of the Oklahoma Land Run have been displayed through the years, but Native American's images of the Oklahoma Land Run vastly differ.

On Sunday, May 20, 2012, the first Indian Territory Revival 2012 event took place on the south lawn of the Oklahoma State Capitol in Oklahoma City.

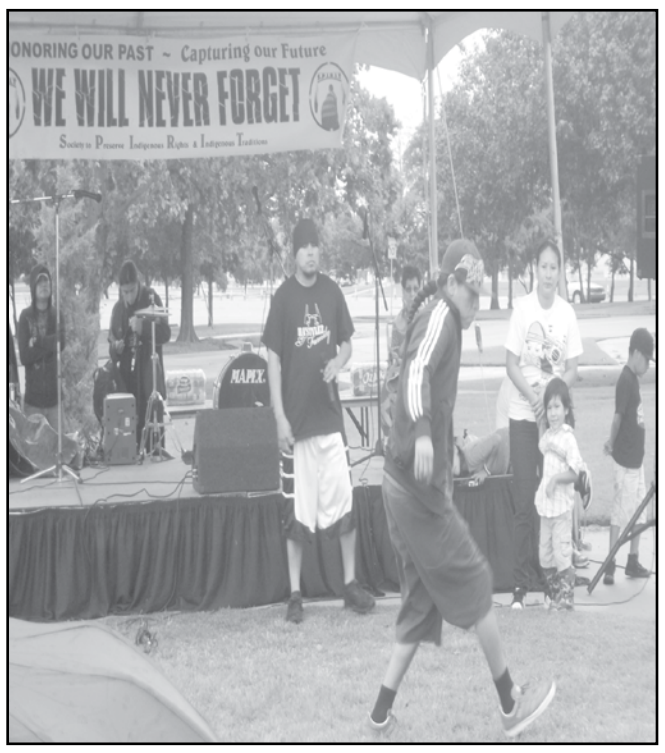
The founders of the Society to Preserve Indigenous Rights and Indigenous Treaties (S.P.I.R.I.T.) hosted the celebration of Native history in the state of Oklahoma.

Brenda Golden, one of the founding members of S.P.I.R.I.T. wrote, "Every year American Indians sit by and watch as state citizens and governments celebrate 89er Days, Land Runs and Pioneer Pride. These celebrations typically occur during the months of April and May. In keeping with the goals of the grassroots group S.P.I.R.I.T. is hosting a statewide celebration of Native American history."

Talented and world famous Native American performers, entertainers and speakers came together to do something that has never before been done in the state of Oklahoma.

The headliner act was Culture Shock Camp, featuring Shock "B" and Quese IMC, Oklahoma City Natives who travel the United States presenting an educational perspective on American Indian culture through music. Joining them were Little Mike & Funny Bone, Pawnee brothers who are well known in the music industry as "Mike Bone" for their youthful and inspiring message. Comedian and Singer, Chad Tahchawwickah also joined the line-up, along with other well-known performers Terry Tsotigh and Cecil Gray both from the group, *Indian Soul Men*. The crowd heard from traditional storytellers Gordon Yellowman and Stella Dyer Long. C.A.S.T. Productions, owned and operated by Lewis K. Tall Bear presented historical skits while drum groups Wild Band of Comanches and Woodson Creek played throughout the afternoon. A spirited dance demonstration was performed by members of the Ha'Stylez as they spun their moves around the crowd.

"We here at C.A.S.T. Productions; and the C&A members that were involved want to thank the S.P.I.R.I.T. organization, thank Ms. Brenda Golden and Marilyn Yarbrough for inviting our organization to participate in this great event," Tall Bear said.



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The Ha'Stylez Dance group consists of family members, Kendricks Sleeper, James Sleeper, Melissa Curley, Koneihii Sleeper, D'Angelo Sleeper and (not pictured) J.C. Sleeper, Nicholas Sleeper, Rosalie Gallegos, Russell Little, Kaylianne Sleeper and Nazhoni Sleeper.

Golden wrote, "S.P.I.R.I.T. hopes to counter the 89er Day and Land Run Celebrations in a fun, positive, educational way that will increase awareness of our true history and promote pride in Native American youth. All participants are renowned in the entertainment industry as positive role models for healthy living and healthy lifestyles."

Jim Thorpe Native American games coming to Oklahoma City

An exciting week of athletic competition is coming to Oklahoma City in honor of one of Oklahoma's greatest athletes.

The Jim Thorpe Native American Games will take place June 10-17, 2012 at different venues throughout Oklahoma City including, ASA Softball Hall of Fame, Remington Park, Oklahoma City Tennis Center, Oklahoma City University, Lincoln Park Golf Course, Millwood High School, and Bishop McGuiness High School.

Athletes representing Indian Nations, Bands and Tribes from across the United States will gather to share their talents in the spirit of the "World's Greatest Athlete" and Native American Legend, Jim Thorpe.

The games will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Jim Thorpe's record setting Olympic performance in Sweden.

Over 3,000 Native American athletes are expected to participate in 11 different sports throughout the week that will include basketball, softball, baseball, tennis, wrestling, track and field, cross country, golf, martial arts, stickball and beach volleyball. Entry forms for all sports can be downloaded from the Jim Thorpe Games website.

In addition to these 11 sports, a Jim Thorpe Native American All-Star Football Game will take place on Friday, June 15, 2012. This game will showcase Native American high school seniors from across Oklahoma.

If interested in participating in the All-Star Game or if a high school coach would like to nominate a player, contact the Jim Thorpe Native American Games office.

Remington Park will be the host site for the opening and closing ceremonies. Remington Park will also be the site of an NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition and a 5K Run.

In addition, Native American Art exhibits, Health Fair, College and Career Fair and traditional cultural exhibitions will take place throughout the week.

Proceeds from the games will benefit the Jim Thorpe Bright Path Youth Programs that include Jim Thorpe All-Star Games, Children's Challenge, Artfest and the statewide Red Ribbon Week. Also, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the "Awakening the Spirit" Native American Diabetes Awareness and Prevention program of the American Diabetes Association.

"The Native American communities know the importance and value of supporting healthy lifestyle choices for their youth. Some of the many benefits of the games will include promoting leadership development, increasing cultural awareness and most importantly – motivating young people to achieve great things," said Annetta Abbott (Choctaw), executive director. "Our young people are not only the leaders of the future; they are the leaders of today."

For additional information on the games contact Abbott, at (405) 208-9253 or by email at aabbott@jimthorpegames.com or visit their website www.jimthorpegames.com.

Red Earth announces new parade route to open 26th annual festival

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK –A new parade route that circles the Myriad Botanical Gardens following its $43 million makeover in downtown Oklahoma City will signal the opening of the 26th annual Red Earth Festival on Friday, June 8.

The Red Earth parade has been referred to as America's most unique parade and features hundreds of participants in authentic tribal regalia, drum groups, tribal princesses, floats, bands and other participants.

The streets will vibrate with Native American Spirit as the Red Earth Festival celebrates being Oklahoma's premiere cultural experience.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. with line-up in the 500 block of West California. The route will proceed south on Walker Avenue to Reno Avenue and will continue east to Robinson. The parade then travels north on Robinson to Sheridan and continues west one block to Hudson where it will conclude. The parade is expected to last approximately one hour signaling the opening of the Red Earth Art Market at 11 a.m. followed by the Grand Entry of dancers scheduled for noon inside the Cox Convention Center Arena directly across from the Myriad Gardens.

Last year the Red Earth Parade featured had nearly 100 entries with 10,000 spectators along the streets to experience the colorful event.

The parade is free to the public and free for participants. Participants may include but are not limited to Tribal programs, officials and princesses, color guards, dancers, music groups, school groups, drum groups and community organizations.

Tickets to attend the Red Earth Festival are $10 for adults, $7.50 for seniors and youth and free for children under five. Three day passes and group rates are available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com or in person at the Cox Convention Center box office. For Red Earth parade applications or additional information visit www.redearth.org or call (405) 427-5228.

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Legislative News

Submitted by Ramon Tall Bear, Legislative Clerk

At the May 12, 2012, Regular Session, the Legislature voted to pass seven Acts. They were the 2012 Budget, a Resolution to Approve Staggered Terms, a Bill to Adopt Building Safety and Efficiency Act, a Resolution for preliminary Approval of an Easement at Canton Reserve, a Resolution to approve the application for the Transit Grant 2012, Legislator Removal Resolution 2012 and a Resolution to Remove Housing Authority Commissioner Melvin Whitebird.

These Acts were given to the Governor for consideration on May 14, 2012 and are due back to the Legislature on May 24.

Special Legislative Session May 23, 2012

The Governor called a Special Legislative Session for Wednesday, May 23 in order to hear the two items: Approval to Submit Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grant Resolution and An Act Adopting the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Sex Offender Registration. The Governor had vetoed the Sex Offender Registration bill in April.

Bills proposed for June

The Bills proposed for the Regular June Session are as follows:

Amend the Election Ordinance

Department of Justice Law with Duties of Attorney General

Tribal Transparency Act, Freedom of Information and Open Meetings

Approve ICDBG Grant Application

Sex Offender Registration

Tribal Member Distribution Ordinance

Confirmation of Associate Judges

Amend the Constitution

A Bill to Amend the Constitution pursuant to Article XIII, §1 (a), is being considered. The first questionnaire for this Act is presented to Tribal members below. These are just a few of the issues we are considering; more will be introduced next month. Please check your answers and give any other thoughts on a separate sheet of paper that you may have. Please cut this out, answer the questions, and send to the Legislature.

Constitutional Survey Questions

Membership

The constitution allows dual citizenship so long as the member has not received land or money from the other tribe. Should the Constitution:

□ Stay the same?

□ Be amended to prohibit any dual membership?

□ Be amended to allow multiple tribal memberships?

The constitution gives Tribal Council power to enact membership ordinances, but the BIA asks that a tribal resolution also approve the ordinance. The Legislature is better suited to draft legislation and hold public hearings. Should membership laws be passed by tribal law and then be approved by Tribal Council, like the budget is passed?

□ Yes □ No

Executive Branch – The constitution created a four branch government, separating the Business Committee into executive and legislative branches. Should the Constitution:

□ Stay the same?

□ Be amended to combine the executive and legislative branches into an "Executive Council," (or other name) with changes from the old business committee to avoid the problems experienced under the 1975 Constitution?

What new provisions should a single "Executive Council" include (check all that you favor):

□ Automatic removal if 2 or 3 meetings are missed with no legitimate excuse.

□ A quorum and notice requirements for meetings.

□ An elected treasurer responsible for all funds.

□ Double signatures on all or most checks.

□ A stronger mandate for a detailed budget and fiscal transparency.

□ Seven members to avoid a tie and a right size body.

□ Voters elect members to positions or the body selects their own officers.

Elections – The constitution has many rules for elections but our elections still have too much controversy. Should we consider better ways to hold elections, such as:

Do we need voter registration, or is Tribal ID sufficient?

□ Yes □ No

Vastly un-equal current districts are un-democratic, and the constitution has a very difficult method of redistricting. Should we make it easier to create equal districts, or do away with districts altogether? How should we deal with the members who live outside districts?

□ Should we allow flexibility to hold a single election if it is better than a primary and general elections?

Should the Tribes elections:

□ Continue to separate Cheyenne and Arapaho voters?

□ Consider all tribal members the same?

To send in your responses, please cut and mail to Ramona Tall Bear, Legislative Clerk, PO Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or call (405) 422-7778.

$3.4 billion Indian land royalty settlement upheld

By Matt Volz

HELENA, Mont. (AP) _ A panel of appellate judges on Tuesday upheld a $3.4 billion settlement between the U.S. government and hundreds of thousands of Native American plaintiffs whose land trust royalties were mismanaged by the Interior Department.

The ruling means that settlement checks could be mailed to members of the class-action lawsuit within weeks, said plaintiffs' attorney Dennis Gingold. Further appeals would delay that disbursement, and the attorney for the challenger, Kimberly Craven of Boulder, Colo., said they are considering their options.

The three-judge panel from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia dismissed the challenge by Craven, who had objected that the settlement did not include an actual accounting for how much money the government lost and said that the deal would overcompensate a select few beneficiaries.

But the judges said in their ruling that the government would be unable to perform an accurate accounting, the deal is fair and it is the best that can be hoped for to avoid years of additional litigation.

Craven's characterization of the settlement as taking shortcuts ``is to ignore the history of this hard-fought litigation and the obstacles to producing an historical accounting,'' the judges said in their ruling.

The settlement is the result of a class-action lawsuit filed in 1996 by Blackfeet tribal member Elouise Cobell, who died of cancer in October. The lawsuit had originally sought to find out how much money had been mismanaged, squandered or lost by the Department of the Interior, which held the trust money for land allotted to Native Americans under the Dawes Act of 1887.

``Our deepest regret is that Ms Cobell did not live long enough to see this victory,'' Gingold said in a statement

The lack of records created a problem in creating an accurate accounting of who was owed what, and the cost of creating such a record for each beneficiary would have cost more than what they were actually owed. After more than 13 years of litigation, the government and Cobell made a deal.

The agreement would pay out $1.5 billion to two classes of beneficiaries whose numbers have been estimated to be between 300,000 and 500,000. Each member of the first class would be paid $1,000. Each member of the second class would be paid $800 plus a share of the balance of the settlement funds as calculated by a formula.

Another $1.9 billion would be used by the government to purchase fractionated land allotments from willing individuals and turn those consolidated allotments over to the tribe. An education scholarship for young Indians also would be established under the agreement.

Congress approved the deal in December 2010 and U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan approved it after a June 2011 hearing. Hogan said that while the settlement may not be as much as some wished, the deal provides a way out of a legal morass and provides some certainty for the beneficiaries.

As part of the deal, Cobell was awarded $2 million and the three other named plaintiffs were awarded between $150,000 and $200,000.

Craven and others objected and appealed the settlement, claiming the deal creates a conflict between the beneficiaries as some would be overpaid while others would be undercompensated for their claims. Creating a lump-sum award without an accounting creates an arbitrary payout system without knowing who is actually owed what, she argued.

The appellate panel quoted Hogan in saying, ``It is hard to see how there could be a better result'' than this settlement. Few beneficiaries are likely to have substantial claims, Craven did not provide evidence that some beneficiaries would be underpaid and Congress' authorization of the deal ``carries significant weight and sets this case apart from others,'' the appellate court ruled.

Ted Frank, Craven's attorney, said he believes they correctly argued the shortcomings of the settlement. Frank is considering his options, which could include a request for the full appellate court to review the decision.

``So we're certainly disappointed, because we believed we were correct on the law, though we understood that we had an uphill battle given the exhaustion factor of a case that had already generated 22 (now 23) published opinions,'' Frank said in an email to The Associated Press.

NAIHC Chairwoman testifies before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on programs and services for Native Veterans

"Veterans often live in overcrowded conditions or become homeless after service"

WASHINGTON, DC-May 24, 2012-The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Chairwoman, Cheryl A. Causley, focused on Indian Country's severe housing needs in her testimony today before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs' Oversight Hearing on Programs and Services for Native Veterans.

NAIHC Chairwoman Cheryl A. Causley testifying before the SCIA on programs and services for Native veterans.

"Our first Americans face some of the worst housing and living conditions in the country, and the availability of affordable, quality and safe housing in Indian Country falls far below that of the general U.S. population," said NAIHC Chairwoman Causley. "Our Native veterans often return home to find too few housing opportunities. Some are subject to living with relatives in overcrowded conditions and sadly some are homeless living on the streets."

Native Americans represent a small percentage of the United States population; however they serve in all branches of the Armed Services at a higher percentage than any other minority group. Many tribal nations are traditional, warrior societies, and this tradition has translated into an extraordinarily high level of patriotism. Some Native Americans were serving in the American Armed Forces before they were granted citizenship.

"There is agreement among most members of Congress, HUD officials, tribal leaders and tribal organizations that there is a severe housing shortage in tribal communities, and Native veterans, elders and children suffer the most from this need," Chairwoman Causley said. "Severe overcrowding, coupled with wounded veterans returning home to family caretakers, results in a tremendous stress on available housing. We also know that Native veterans have a great need for housing assistance in off-reservation and urban areas throughout the country."

NAIHC Chairwoman Cheryl A. Causley testifying before the SCIA on programs and services for Native veterans.

A survey conducted of 11,500 households on the Navajo Nation reservation revealed that 2,726 were households that included at least one veteran. In Minnesota, American Indians make up one percent of the population, but 11 percent of the off-reservation homeless adult population. American Indians make up 20 percent of the homeless veterans throughout Minnesota according to an Amherst H. Wilder Foundation study.

"In times of national need Native Americans have been the first to answer the call to protect this country. We often hear people say, 'thank you for your service,'- let's make sure these words are not hollow by ensuring they are offered housing opportunities and assistance through federal programs," added Chairwoman Causley.

American Indian Veteran pay restitution

Submitted article

Hello my name is Richard Allen Adame, and I am an enrolled Prairie Band Pottawatomie and a 20 year army veteran who fought in Desert Storm. Myself, and thousands of other Native American Veterans including Medal of Honor recipients and the many code talkers from various tribes were illegally taxed while in the military. Many are unaware of this but most were taxed illegally.

Treaties between the Indian Tribes and the United States, and Federal Indian law, generally, prohibit taxing the income or property of Indians located within the recognized territories of the Tribes. This has been recognized as a property right.

For all Americans other than Indians the place of their domicile for tax purposes when they join the military service is respected, and they are taxed on their military income based upon their residence when they joined the military service.

Prior to 2001, however, Indians who were domiciled in the territories of Indian tribes were subjected to state taxation even though the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 prohibited states from taxing the military compensation of Native American armed forces members who are residents or domiciliary of Tribal reservations from which they are absent by reason of military service. Those Indian veterans who were illegally subjected to state taxation prior to 2001 have yet to be made whole and have their wrongfully withheld income returned to them.

In 2005 Rep.Tom Udall, a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, stated "that Native Americans have the highest rate of military service of any ethnic group in the nation; how have we repaid them for their dedication? By illegally withholding state taxes from their paychecks."

He also introduced a bill that would restore justice to thousands of our nations Native American V eterans, the American Indian Veteran Pay Restoration Act. This bill did not become law.

While the policy of withholding state taxes on these soldiers pay was changed in 2001 the government has failed to pass legislation to compensate and reimburse tens of thousands of American Indigenous Veterans from all services.

It was illegal for this government to allow the states to tax the military pay of tens of thousands of American Indigenous Veterans.

We are here today to complain of a violation of our human rights and discrimination by the United States against the American Indian Veterans who served this country. We ask that the United States honor their commitment when they signed the UN declaration and restore the pay to these Honored Veterans.

We also ask that the United States government negotiate a compromise with these Veterans rather than allow each state to act alone. It is the responsibility of the United States to implement the Declaration, to protect the property of its Indian Veterans, and to comply with its Treaty responsibilities to Indian people and the international community.

We ask only that justice be done for those Indigenous Veterans who have risked everything in the service of the United States.

For additional information on this subject, please see the web page of the Association of the United States Army: Restoring Pay www3.ausa.org.

A grandmother's education success story

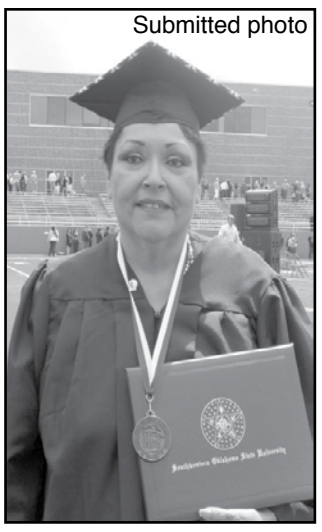
Submitted by Oveta Lira

When I started my educational journey in August 2008, I doubted my decision to attend college. I was terribly afraid that I would be the oldest student attending class and I even remember thinking on that first day of class, I had the thought of turning around to go back home. After all, no one would ever know that I backed out of my decision to further my education. I thought of my son Elijah who had challenged me to go to college in the first place so with sweaty palms and knocking knees, I got out of my vehicle and attended my first class.

During Spring break in 2009, I suffered a slight stroke, which forced a hospital stay and then Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation in Clinton. I remember praying to Ma heo to help me through that ordeal and if it was his will that I return to school then he would make the way possible. I was able to return to school and finished that semester with a 4.0 GPA.

I am not going to say that going to college is or has been easy because it hasn't been. There were a lot of personal sacrifices that I had to make in order to continue my day and night classes. I missed my son's football games, my grandchildren's plays and field trips but Elijah would always tell me that getting my education was more important.

Many times I would go into the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College and tell my advisor, Gail Wilcox, to drop me from my classes because I felt like I could not make it in college. In turn, she and Dr. Henrietta Mann would sit down with me, calming me and assuring me that everything would work out. Always, they would suggest that I go home and rest, think things over and come back the next day. I would like to thank them and Alden Whiteman for always being there and offering encouraging words to the students who walk through their doors.


Submitted photo

Oveta Lira

I received an Associates of Arts degree in Native American Studies from the Tribal College in September 2010 at Colony. That was a day that I will never forget. I remember thinking that I could not believe that I was getting a college degree. That following May, 2011, I am proud to say that I made history by receiving the first Associates of Arts degree at Southwest Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) graduating in Native American Studies to ever be graduated from SWOSU. Now just a year later, I am graduating with Cum Laude Honors, Bachelor of Arts degree in Inter-Disciplinary Studies.

I would like to dedicate this honor degree to my son, Elijah Whiteshirt Monreal, who has been my main source of encouragement, my rock and my hero. Thank you Elijah for standing beside me through this journey. Also, many thanks to all of my family members living in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma for good words, thoughts and prayers offered as encouragement. You are awesome. Thank you Lord, for keeping me strong through this part of my journey.

Graduation banquet art contest

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Department hosted an art contest for this year's graduation banquet. The art contest theme was to follow the slogan, *From Smoke Signals to Satellite, Enhancing Tribal Education in a Digital Frontier.*

Several submissions of artwork were submitted from Watonga Elementary School students, through the assistance of Watonga Indian Education Director, Hollie Youngbear.

The students who sent in art work were, Kierstyn Ditmore, 1st grade, Julien Roman Nose 1st grade, Levi Youngbird, 2nd grade, Jaryn Lehman, 3rd grade, Marissa Red Hat, 3rd grade, TaVarous Farrow, 4th grade, Ashton Medicine Bear, 4th grade, Patrick Shinn, 4th grade, Julian Starr, 4th grade and Andrea Willey, 4th grade.

"The Watonga students' art submissions were very cute and keeping with the theme. Many of them had drawn teepees with smoke signals, cell phones and satellites. Their artwork showed the students have great potential to become artists," Wanda Whiteman, Higher Education, coordinator said. "Though none of the artwork was selected for the graduation banquet t-shirts each student received a t-shirt and we want to thank all of them for entering the contest.

Another artwork entry was submitted from Jesse Tapia, a Riverside Indian School senior, who graduated May 18, 2012. Whiteman said his artwork was very good but it did not meet the specifications of the graduation banquet theme, *From Smoke Signals to Satellite, Enhancing Tribal Education in a Digital Frontier*. Jesse will also receive a t-shirt for his entry.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Department would like to thank everyone who entered this year's art contest.

Artwork submission by Marissa Red Hat, 3rd grade, Watonga Elementary School.

Artwork submission by Kierstyn Ditmore, 1st grade, Watonga Elementary School.

Homemade Flour Tortillas
Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program

4 c. flour
2 heaping tsp. baking powder
2 (or less) tsp. salt
4 tsp. vegetable oil
1 1/2-2 c. hot tap water

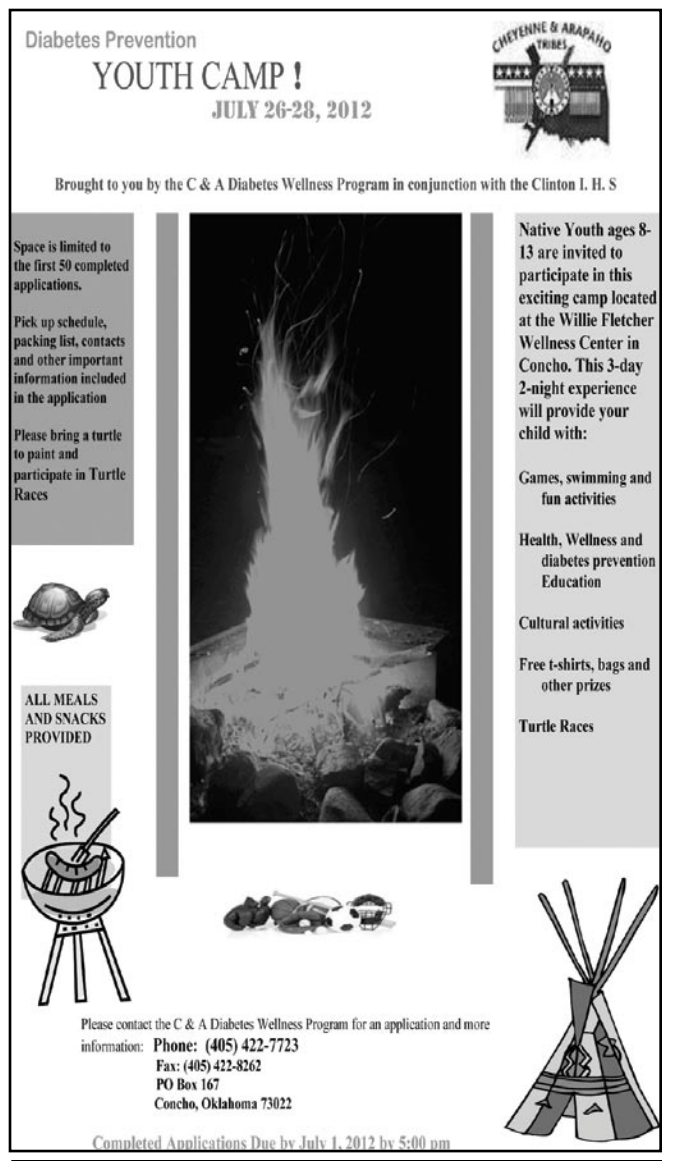
In large bowl add dry ingredients and stir. Mix in vegetable oil. Stir well. Gradually add hot tap water and stir with a large spoon. Add enough water to make a soft warm dough that is not sticky. Dust with flour and knead until dough is smooth, or for about a minute.

Divide dough into 10-15 small balls. Let rest for 5 minutes.

For tortillas, heat on medium high heat a large cast iron or no stick skillet. Using a rolling pin, roll each ball into a thin round tortilla and lightly brown each tortilla on both sides. Stack hot tortillas on a kitchen towel, one on top of another. Serve warm with beans, or butter, or peanut butter and jelly, or whatever you like on bread.

For Sopapillas: If you are making only Sopapillas - to dry ingredients add 2-3 tablespoons of sugar. This will make a sweeter dough. Heat a skillet, add oil so that the skillet is 3/4 full. Roll each ball into a very flat round shape. Cut into thirds. Fry each side in hot oil. If dough is right thickness and oil is hot the sopapillas will puff up.

Fry unto golden brown on both sides. Serve warm with sugar or honey. Let oil cool and save to use for next time. Strain if desired to remove dough particles.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Turtle Races
Please contact the C & A Diabetes Wellness Program for an application and more information: Phone: (405) 422-7723
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PO Box 167
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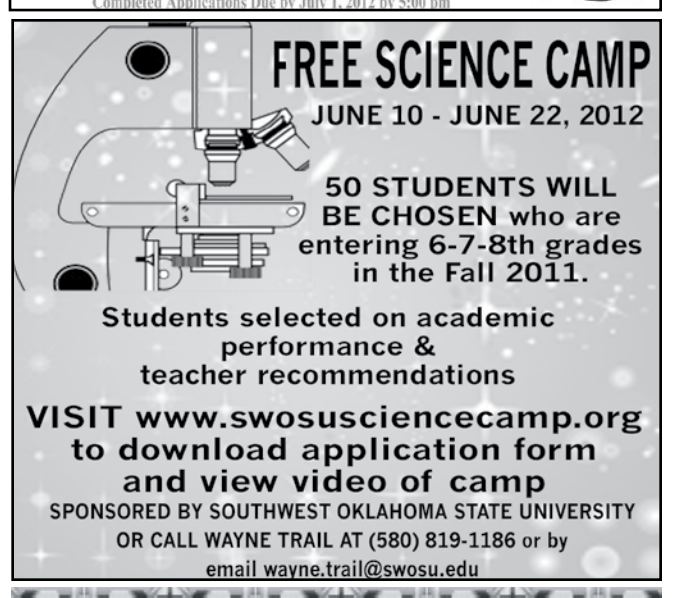
Completed Applications Due by July 1, 2012 by 5:00 pm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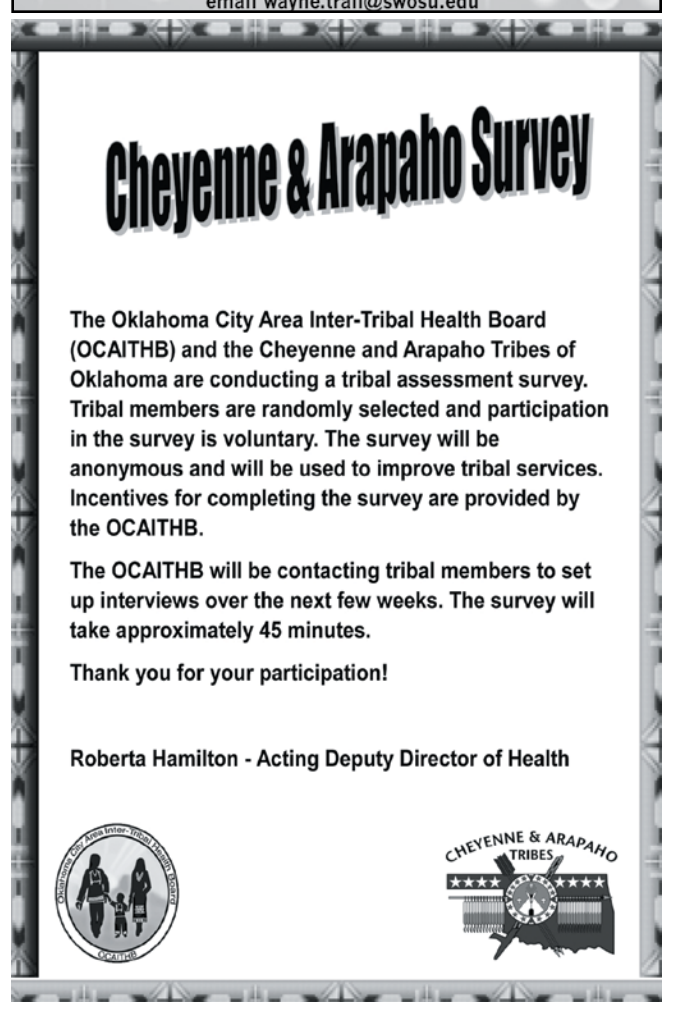
Cheyenne & Arapaho Survey
The Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (OCAITHB) and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma are conducting a tribal assessment survey. Tribal members are randomly selected and participation in the survey is voluntary. The survey will be anonymous and will be used to improve tribal services. Incentives for completing the survey are provided by the OCAITHB.
The OCAITHB will be contacting tribal members to set up interviews over the next few weeks. The survey will take approximately 45 minutes.
Thank you for your participation!
Roberta Hamilton - Acting Deputy Director of Health
CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

BRIEFS

The fourth annual Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference

June 3-6, 2012 at the Mohegan Sun Convention Center in Uncasville, Conn. For more information visit www.hunap.harvard.edu.

National American Indian Housing Council 38th annual Convention and Trade Show

June 5-7, 2012 at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage, Alaska. To register visit www.naihc.net/index.php/events/annual-convention.

Grassroots and Groundwork Conference-Working Together to Reduce Poverty and Build Prosperity

June 6-8, 2012 at the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel in Prior Lake, Minn. For more information visit grassrootsandgroundwork.org.

The 25th annual Sovereignty Symposium

June 12-13, 2012 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.thesovereigntysymposium.com.

The National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference

June 17-20, 2012 in Lincoln, Neb. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

Developing Tribal Travel Policies using IRS and OMB Guidelines

June 18-19, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The second annual Native American Human Resources Conference

June 19-20, 2012 at the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego, Calif. To register visit www.nativenationsevents.org.

Indian Land and Law

June 20-22, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev.

This course offers a comprehensive view of current federal policies regarding Indian land. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Financial Literacy for Tribal Secretaries and Administrative Assistants

June 21-22, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev.

This newly developed course will teach you the basics of financial literacy that all administrative assistants should know. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Indian Housing Law

June 25-27, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev.

Tribal housing commissioners, executive directors and housing attorneys address hundreds of housing disputes every year. To work with Indian housing programs, there needs to be solid understanding of the laws and regulations that affect the daily activities of residents and tribal housing staff and officials.

For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Canton gym

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employees," Hoffman said. "We are planning several different projects in the future for this building, dances and events are to name a few and the tribes plan to place a few satellite offices in this building. I believe the education department will be one of the offices once this building is fully completed."

She said the Housing Authority would be turning the building over to the tribes so that it may be maintained and kept up to par.

"The tribal programs will be involved in the planning as to what programs will come into this community, the IT program will put in a system and we will make a committee of tribal members to help maintain this building. I believe this is a huge accomplishment of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, I thank you for coming and I would like recognize Damon Dunbar for seeing this project through and now give him a hand as he comes up here to speak," Hoffman said.

The guests applauded Dunbar as he approached the podium.

"When I walked into this building this morning I felt very happy to see the newly painted floors, bleachers and the old sign restored that hangs on the wall." Dunbar said. "This is a success story for the tribes because we took a brown space and made it a green space, because we used all energy efficient windows, heat and air units, insulation, water saving plumbing fixtures. We were also able to create jobs for tribal members and keep current jobs for those working on this project. The Housing Authority is also finishing up another community center in Clinton and are also working on two houses for tribal members under this same grant."

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Leda Joyce Walking Night, Ida Hoffman and Gov. Janice Boswell cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the Canton Gym in Canton, Okla.

Spoken memories

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tree' he made us hang them up in a tree so the gunnysacks would get dry for us to wear as we walked back home. After the country school closed we went to the town school … that's what we called it the town school."

Beard reached out her arm and pointed to another photo that hung on her wall.

"That is a photo of our winter camps, I could not tell you who is in the photo … we would all gather for Christmas and build a camp, when it would rain or snow the walls would help keep us protected. Sometimes the tipis would get damp and wet, but we mostly stayed dry. I remember my grandmother had a cook stove and she would build a fire inside of it in the morning so that she could cook. On top there was a place to keep the food warm once she finished cooking," Beard said. "My grandmother did not let me cook, she would tell me you can't do it right."

A picture of a Cheyenne winter camp Frances Beard has hangng on her wall from her childhood years.

Beard began looking back through the window and said back in the day there were different Native American Societies.

"I was about sixteen when my grandmother asked me if I would go and take my sister's place as a Kit Box sister ... my sister died of Pneumonia. I really did not know what I was supposed to do. I told those men that, and the men told me to ask my grandmother and she would show me the way." Beard said with a serious expression on her face. "When you are representing a society you must behave, you did not got out and run around … I had to be respectful. Also back at that time Sundance was different, they did not include the women. I stayed a sister until I got married."

Beard paused for a moment and took a drink of her soda.

"I remember the men folk called each other brothers and we had to do what ever they asked of us to do. If they wanted us to stand out in the sun all day we did. I remember the men folk would run … they would run so far and come back. Why they did that I don't know. That's all I can remember about that time of my life. I hope I am telling you the truth," Beard said as she laughed softly.

Beard said she remembered when her father was drafted into the Army and she moved to Watonga.

"I went to school in Seiling, but I did not stay there too long. My father was drafted into the service so we left Seiling and moved to Watonga. I was in my high school years ... and I will tell you the truth, I did not graduate. When we got to Watonga there was not that many Indian children going to school. That was also about the time I met my husband Ralph Beard … I think I was about 18 years old."

Beard giggled as she said, "There was a get together that I had attended and that is when I met my husband. When I was younger I really wasn't that interested in dancing at powwows. As I grew older my mother made me a dress and leggings. She would tell me 'go ahead, go dance.'"

Beard adjusted her leg again and gazed back out the window as began to share about her life with her husband.

"My husband and I stayed in Watonga and my husband went to work for a man that owned a print shop there. He worked for him on and off, sweeping the floors and cleaning up. It was not a permanent job," Beard said. "Ralph got real interested in the printing business, he did not make a lot of money, but it was enough to take care of us. After a few years, the man asked Ralph if he was interested in learning printing. That man sent my husband to school so that he could learn everything about the business. I really don't remember exactly the name of the school my husband went to … but I remember it was an Indian School. I think he went there two years … or three years … I really don't remember but I know he graduated."

Beard said she still had her husband's diploma put away somewhere in her house.

"I still have his diploma, but I don't know what I did with it. That is my problem these days ... I can't remember anything as good as I used to," Beard laughed. "When Ralph finished school the man put him to work and I just took care of the home."

It was a few years later that her mother divorced her father Beard said.

"My mother moved to Wyoming after she divorced my father and one time my husband and I went to visit with her. When we were there my husband found a job there so we just stayed," Beard said.

She reached out her arm and pointed to a different photo that hung on her wall by her television.

"See that boy under the Christ picture, that is my husband's nephew, Jacob. Ralph and I never had children. Ralph's brother asked us if we would be interested in taking him when he was young, he might have been about 2 years old," Beard said. "I remember Ralph told him that he was afraid that if we took Jake that he might take him back. Ralph's brother told us that he had no intention of taking him back ... you see Jake was his ninth child."

So Beard and her husband, Ralph, became parents and raised Jacob as their own.

"Jacob Keith passed away when he was in his 40's in a car accident," Beard said with sadness in her voice.

Beard said she and Ralph did not stay in Wyoming for very long and they eventually moved back to Oklahoma.

"Ralph and I moved here to El Reno, Okla.," Beard said. "Ralph was on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Business Committee back in the 1980s. In the early 1990s he started the Cheyenne and Arapaho Newsletter," Beard said. "My husband asked if I would come in and answer the phone so I asked him 'am I going to get paid', he said no. I said 'well all right'. That's where I got my start in the printing business."

Beard said her husband passed away after being sick for over a year.

"It was about 1995 … I think. My memory is not so good, but I kept working after Ralph died and ran the newspaper for a few more years," Beard said. "Then some lady came in and fired me. You know back then, I had to drive to tribal members' houses to get their Veteran photo for the Memorial Day page that we printed. Sometimes they might be home and sometimes they weren't."

Today Beard still resides in her home in El Reno, Okla.

"I enjoy my family, even though I don't get to see them as often as I would like, but oh my, Bobby comes everyday to cook for me and make sure I am okay. Today is much different for me since I have been diagnosed with diabetes and I cannot get around like I used to since my foot is swollen and does not work as well as it used to. I rely on her a lot and I am thankful for all that she does for me."

Ralph and Francis Beard in April 1990.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Miami tribe powwow

June 1-2, 2012 at the Ottawa Tribal powwow grounds in Miami, Okla. For more information contact Steve Lankford at (918) 961-1498 or visit www.miamination.com.

The tenth annual Tinker Inter-Tribal Council's Honoring Our Veterans powwow

June 2, 2012 at the Joe B. Barnes Park in Midwest City, Okla. For more information email tribalcouncil@sbcglobal.net.

Four Man Best Ball Scramble

June 2, 2012 at the Sugar Creek Canyon Golf Course in Hinton, Okla. Registration from 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Blind Draw by declared handicap. Closest to pin and longest drive cash prizes. Entry fee $40, pay your own green fees. Mulligans $2.50 per money game. All welcomed. Lunch included. For more information contact Jerry Levi Sr. at (405) 615-4933 or Jerry Levi Jr. at (405) 509-1331.

Lucky Star Casino presents the New Edition

June 2, 2012 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For ticket purchases or more information call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

The 2012 Red Earth Festival

June 8-10, 2012 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information call (405) 427-5228 or visit www.redearth.org.

Jim Thorpe Native American Games

June 10-16, 2012 at Remington Park in Oklahoma City. Proceeds benefit the Jim Thorpe Bright Path Youth Programs , Awakening The Spirit Diabetes Prevention and Control program. For more information contactAnnetta Abbott at (405) 208-9253 or visit www.jimthorpegames.com.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi 2012 powwow

June 8-10, 2012 at 150th and M Road in Mayetta, Kansas. More than $100,000 in cash prizes. Grand entry at 7 p.m. both nights. For more information visit www.pbpgaming.com or call (888) PBP-4WIN.

Inter-Tribal Children's powwow

June 9, 2012 at the Ottawa tribe's powwow grounds, 11400 613 Road in Miami Okla. For more information call Tina Booth at (918) 542-2441 or email shawneechild@shawnee-tribe.com.

Lucky Star Casino presents Jenni Rivera

June 16, 2012 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For ticket purchases or more information call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

The 17th annual Oklahoma Indian All-State Basketball Games

June 16, 2012 at the Oklahoma Wesleyan University campus in Bartlesville, Okla. Games will start at 6 p.m. For more information call (918) 642-3162 or email paradox@valornet.com.

The 38th annual Tonkawa Tribal powwow

June 22-24, 2012 at Ft. Oakland in Tonkawa, Okla. For more information call Don Patterson at (580) 628-2561 or visit www.tonkawatribe.com.

The 15th annual Peoria powwow

June 22-24, 2012 at 60610 E. 90 Road in Miami, Okla. For more information call Frank Hecksher at (918) 540-2535 or visit www.peoriatribe.com.

Lucky Star Casino presents LL Cool J

June 23, 2012 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For ticket purchases or more information call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Diabetes Prevention Youth Camp for ages 8-13

July 26-28, 2012 at the Willie Fletcher Health Center in Concho, Okla. Registrations due by July 1, 2012. For more information or to register call (405) 422-7723.

Lucky Star Casino presents comedian, Ron White

June 30, 2012 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Two shows beginning at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. For tickets or more information call (405) 422-7612.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

2012 Youth Empowerment Conference

June 18-21, 2012

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Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday
Chloe King
June 30
From all your friends
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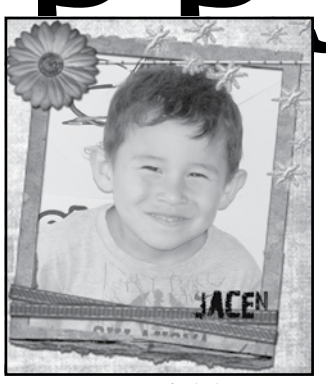


Happy Birthday
Jacen Bear
July 24
From all your friends
and teachers from
Concho Headstart

Happy 12th Birthday
Nicole May 20
I love you! Your dad,
Jarrod Moss

Happy Birthday
Kyla Banks
June 16
From all your friends
and teachers at
Concho Headstart

Happy Birthday
Latasha Yarbrough
We love you and wish
you many more!!!
Love your family

Happy Birthday
Nellie-Jean Blackowl
June 11
From all your friends
and teachers at
Concho Headstart

Happy Birthday
Samuel Morton
June 12
From all your friends
and teachers at
Concho Headstart

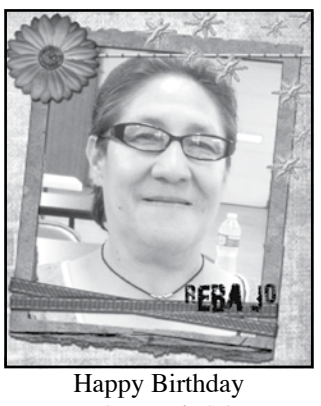
Michelle V. Ferrell will be 2 years on May 25. Her Cheyenne name is "Earth Woman" Voi-nah. She is the daughter of Felicia Yellow Eyes and granddaughter of Carol Whiteskunk and great-grandma, Doris Hamilton. She attends the Cheyenne and Arapaho Day Care in Clinton, Ok. She is loved by all! She rules the roost! Happy Birthday from Malachi, Mikey, Mikayla and Elk River-Whiteskunk family!

Congratulations
Celena Williams
Class of 2012
You have grown up so fast and seems like only yesterday you was born. I'm very proud of you for working hard and accomplishing your goal. I wish you the very best that life has to offer. Always remember that I'm always here for you.
Love you always, mom

Congratulations
Cheyenne Faith
Goodblanket for graduating from Head Start! You did it and we're all so proud of you! Happy Summer before Kindergarten!
Love from all of us.

Happy Birthday
Paydon Yeakey
July 17
From all your friends
and teachers from
Concho Headstart

Pablo Moctezuma
I will always remember on June 14 I had a son.
I had no idea it would be so much fun
A beautiful baby boy for me to love
Truly a wonderful gift from above
I rocked you at night and I sang you to sleep those moments I'll cherish forever and I won't ever forget you my beautiful baby boy
My handsome baby boy I have no more. You are all grown up now. You have the world to explore But I'll always remember the times holding you, feeding you, your first words and many precious moments. I hope you'll have memories when you become a father.
Happy 18th Birthday
Son, I love you with all my heart, love your mom Leona and brothers Nick, Harjo, Rene, Moctezuma and Gustavo Moctezuma



Happy Birthday
Reba Jo Tisdale
We Love you and wish
you many more!!!!
Love your,
husband Carl, daughter's
Carla and Jennifer,
grandchildren Sugabear,
Aubri, Kami and Jalen and
sister Norma

After 20 years they finally did it!!
Cedric Whitebuffalo and April Black were married on May 9, 2012 in Concho, Okla. The couple plans to reside in El Reno, Okla.

Just Married

Goodbye Kindergarten,
Congrats Arionna!!
Look at how fast our angel is growing up. This year has flown by, like a blink of an eye. Enjoy your Summer break little girl. Loving you always, momma, your sisters, uncle David and the rest of those who carry you in their hearts.

Welcome baby Honovi Honovi Rage Twobabies entered into this world on Jan. 23, 2012
He was born at Yukon Integris Hospital at 7:49 a.m. weighing 7 lbs, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Donald (Doni) Twobabies III and Crystal Mason. Maternal grandparents are Julia and Christian Scherdin; maternal great grandparents are the late Porifirio Wash and the late Clara Silverhorn. Paternal grandparents are the late Donald Twobabies II and the late Wilma (Chigen) Littlecoyote. Paternal great grandparents are the late Hailman and Mary Littlecoyote. His big brother Aaron and big sister Alyssa welcomed Honovi home! We want to thank Maheo for such a wonderful blessing to our family!

Congratulations
Niehhi Skidi Hamilton, II
for graduating kindergarten from Hillcrest Elementary, El Reno, OK

Geraldine June TallBull Morton
June 6, 1936
Oct.10, 1991
Mom, you've been gone now for some time, but only in body and not in our hearts or thoughts. Your happy face and laughter when you were with us is still here every day in our memories. We are thankful for the loving mother that God blessed us with ~ We miss you everyday!
Love your children,
Billy Joe Whitlow, James Daniel Whitlow, Gene Levi Morton, Beverly Ann (Morton) Brown, Jessie Marie (Morton) Botone, Christine Morton, Samuel Morton, III, Linwood Morton, Ella Katherine Morton, Corrine Ann Morton.

Happy 9th Birthday
Aiyana Lambert
May 29

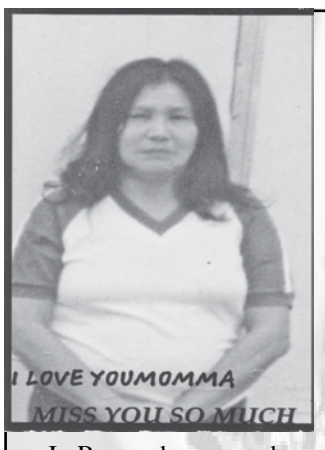
Congratulations!
Aiyana received a 2012 Braves Achievement Award sponsored by the Cherokee Boys Club in Cherokee, North Carolina. Each year the Boys Club sponsors the Braves Achievement Awards for one boy and one girl from each grade. School staff, based on which students have achieved the most during the school year, selects the winners.
We love you and are very proud of you!
Grandma Kathy, mom and dad, Ayden, Isaac, Zaina, Amy, Perry and Renita

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Concho Child Development Center would like to say thank you to Tankco Plumbing and Mechanical for providing pizza for the daycare on May 18, 2012 the kids enjoyed it.

Happy 1st Birthday
Bella Zelma-Caryn
Standingwater June 19,
Wishing her a very happy Birthday from her mom Carol Mitchell, uncle John, Stephanie Standingwater and family, Christopher and Keyana Bird, aunties Carin Mitchell, Latisha Alonso and family, Carla Standingwater and family, her grandmothers Carol Standingwater and grandfather Tony Reynolds, Ruth Costilla and family from Lame Deer, Montana, Rosemary and Fernando Armendariz and family, Roselyn Nolasquez, Tomas and family, her grandfather Richard Bird and Heather, her great grandmothers Elaine Bird, Esther Seger and family, Cheryl Carter, MaryAnn Miles, her great grandfathers James Miles, Donald Miles, Rudolph Miles, numerous cousins, uncles, aunties to name. We love you very much and hope you get all you wish for!

Happy Birthday
Hunny bunny aka
A.J. Brown June2
Love you Beverly

Happy Birthday
Jalen Yarbrough
We love you and wish
you many more!!!!
Love your,
dad Larry II, grandma
Norma
and family



In Remembrance and
Happy Birthday mamma
and grandma
Edna Loneman
June 5, 1949 – Feb. 8, 2004

I love you forever,
Memories of mom

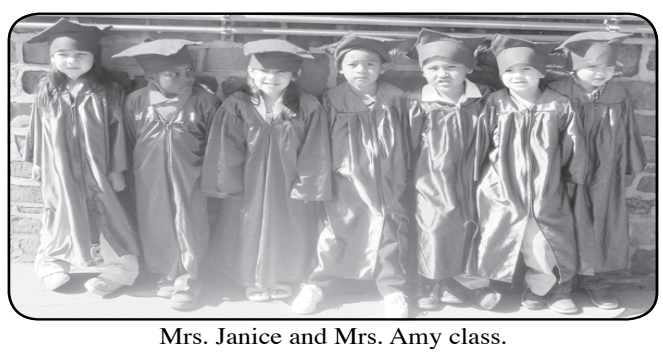
Though it's been eight years now since you were taken away. The memories are still strong and I wish you were here today. I can't see nor touch you so I know you're not here but I've still got the past and in my heart you're still near. I used to wake up at night screaming aloud and calling your name. I must of needed someone cause of all my hurt and fear. If I could see you one last time, you know what I would do, release all my emotions and say mom, I love you and miss you so much momma. Please don't let me go, don't leave me and stay with me a little longer momma. I'm lost without you, I need you in my life, please stay. I beg of you holding you close and tight and begging don't let go momma and weeping, I wake realizing and knowing you're here in spirit and watching over me. I love you and miss you mom, still you will always be remembered and never forgotten.

Love your daughter Leona and your grandsons Nicholas, Hajo, Pablo and Rene Gustavo Moctezuma

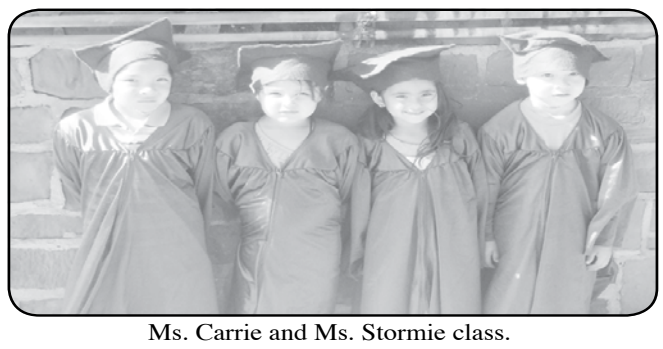
Congratulations Shane and Jaimie Yellow Eagle on 5th wedding anniversary. May God bless you both, your children baby Shane and Elizabeth and your home. We love you, from all your families.

Congratulations
Lorina Kay Birdshead for graduating from Geary High School on May 13, 2012. She received the 2012 Offensive Most Valuable Player for Varsity Basketball and was crowned 2012 Prom Queen.
You are such a blessing, we are very proud of you and love you very much!
Love mom and Patrick

Mrs. Elisa and Mrs. Annette class.



Mrs. Janice and Mrs. Amy class.



Ms. Carrie and Ms. Stormie class.

Clinton Head Start graduation that was held on May 10, 2012 the following photos were not available at the time of print of the graduation story.

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Counselor
Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Watonga, OK
Closing Date: Until filled
QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in a social science field preferred. Two years experience in the delivery of social services and/or community based networking and referral services. One year experience preferred in community-based networking and referral services. Two years counseling experience with case management and/or vocational interest assessment experience preferred. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver's license and have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must pass pre-hire background investigation.

SALARY: Negotiable

Site Manager
R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program, Clinton, OK
Closing Date: Until Filled
QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Associates degree preferred or two years of work experience in related field or its equivalent. Must be willing to further education. Must receive and maintain CPR/First Aid Certifications and be knowledgeable about the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, communities, traditions, culture and customs. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. TERO applies (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal preference) and must pass a background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

Community Health Representative, CHR Program
Kingfisher, OK
Closing Date: Until filled
QUALIFICATIONS:

Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal member Have EMT, Medical Assistant, CMA, or CNA experience Have Current CPR Certification. Valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable under Tribe's insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and be in good physical condition. Must pass Basic CHR training and First Responder training within one (1) year. Travel required in duties Submit Program PCC and Mileage/Maintenance on a weekly basis. Maintain GSA vehicle responsibility. Must pass OSBI background check Must have minimum of High School diploma or G.E.D. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone Must be able to work outside of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as needed. Other Duties as assigned.

SALARY: Negotiable

Pen Pal Wanted

My name is Paul Alexander Garrett, DOC #276990. I am currently in prison until 2026. I have been locked up since February 2011.

I am a much different person today, kinder, wiser and receptive to our Indian ways.

I was born Paul Anthony Bearshield. I have always been a member of our great Nations, however I was adopted out in 1976.

I have since re-connected to my tribes and have enrolled in our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal family, officially in 2005.

I have contributed numerous art pieces to our tribes and have been published in our Tribal Tribune dozens of times.

I seek correspondence and nothing more. Please feel free to write to me and tell me of your Indian ways as I have nothing else to look forward to.

I send my love and respect to our tribal members, enrolled or not, we are still Cheyenne and Arapaho.

Paul A. Garrett #276990
Lawton Correctional Facility-7B101
8607 S.E. Flower Mound Rd.
Lawton, Okla. 73501-9765

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Breast Cancer Awareness Day

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Health Department participated in the Breast Cancer Awareness day celebration held Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the Oklahoma State Capitol in Oklahoma City.

Left: Margie Deer, Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Director distributes health information.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

IN THE TRIAL COURT
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In The Matter Of The Application Of:
ERLENE DUSHANE CARSON
DOB: 02/04/1968
ROLL #6504
To Change His Name

Case No: CIV-2012-0062

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that Erlene Dushane Carson has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change, as follows, to wit: from Erlene Dushane Carson to Erlene Dushane Roberts and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 20th day of JUNE, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 16th day of May, 2012.

Fran Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Erlene D. Carson
12831 N. Stratford Drive #184
Oklahoma City, OK 73120

IN THE TRIAL COURT
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KELLY SANKEY, Petitioner,
vs.
CALVIN J. SANKEY, Respondent,

Case No: JFD-2012-18

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES TO: CALVIN J. SANKEY

TAKE NOTICE, that you have been sued by the filing of a Petition on May 3, 2012, in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, State of Oklahoma, by the Petitioner, KELLY SANKEY for dissolution of marriage on the grounds of incompatibility and habitual drunkenness and you have until August 7, 2012, to answer said Petition; You may appear at the Final Hearing set on the 8th day of August, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at the Courthouse, 700 N. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma or the petition will be taken as true and a judgment will be rendered for the petitioner granting her a decree of dissolution of marriage with, custody of the minor child born of the parties and child support with the respondent granted standard visitation and restoration of the petitioner's former maiden name.

Issued this 14th day of May, 2012.

Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
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MARVINA BLACK, Plaintiff
vs.
KOHLONI R. YEAKEY, Defendant

Case No: CNA-CIV-2012-0048

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: KOHLONI R. YEAKEY

You are hereby notified that Marvina Black has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody of minor child, MAKAU KAI BLACK YEAKEY and that on APRIL 13, 2012 the plaintiff, MARVINA BLACK was granted temporary emergency custody of the minor child and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 11TH day of JULY, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 24th day of MAY, 2012.

Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

PETITIONER
Marvina R. Black
P.O. Box 122/ 521 S. Evans
El Reno, Ok 73036

IN THE TRIAL COURT
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NADINE N. YANEZ, Plaintiff
vs.
ROBERTO YANEZ, Defendant

Case No: JFD-2012-0019

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: ROBERTO YANEZ

You are hereby notified that NADINE N. YANEZ has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 13TH day of JUNE, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.

Dated this 8TH day of MAY, 2012.

Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Plaintiff:
NADINE N. YANEZ
4016 S. YOUNGS
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73139

IN THE TRIAL COURT
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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
M.D.B.
DOB: 9/7/97
C.D.B.
DOB: 6/7/99
Minor Children

Case No. PG-2012-23

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: TIMOTHY BROWN
JESSICA DAN GOOD BLANKET MEADOWS

You are hereby notified that Mike Meadows and Adrian Good Blanket have filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardianship of the persons and/or estate of M.D.B., DOB: 9/7/97 and C.D.B., DOB: 6/7/99 minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for Permanent Guardianship Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma on the 20th day of June, 2012, at which time you may appear and show cause why said Permanent Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2012.

by:
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
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VANESSA JANE STONE, Plaintiff
vs
SAMUEL MARCELLUS FRANKLIN, Defendant

Case No. CIV-2012-52

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: SAMUEL MARCELLUS FRANKLIN

You are hereby notified that Vanessa Jane Stone has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody of S.M.F., S.M.F.; S.M.F. and C.S.S., minor children, and that on April 25th, 2012, the petitioner, Vanessa Jane Stone was granted temporary emergency custody of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 13th day of JUNE, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2012.

Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

A night for crowning princesses

The Oklahoma Indian Nation's powwow committee crowned their 2012-2013 OIN Princesses on May 26, 2012 at Darlington School in El Reno, Okla.

Pictured above from l-r: Little Miss, DoreneAllyn WhiteHorse, daughter of Kayla WhiteHorse, Junior Miss, Jaylin Mariah Reveles, daughter of James and Jaime Reveles and Senior Miss, Marley Jade Black, daughter of Georgia and Basil Pollock, .

Relinquishing their crowns were the 2011-2012 princesses, pictured below l-r: Alicia Reed, Ann Marie Cometsevah and Sierra Littleman.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

The Colony Labor Day powwow committee crowned their 2012-2013 princesses on May 26, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Pictured above l-r: Andrea Willey, daughter of Andy and Sylvia Willey and Jonnie Big Medicine, granddaughter of Merle Big Medicine.

Below l-r: The Colony Labor Day powwow committee and princesses, Louella Old Bear, Virgil Franklin, Andrea Willey, Jonnie Big Medicine, Diane Willis, Cincie Hill and Mac SittingBull.

On May 26, 2012 the Concho Post 401 American Legion hosted a Memorial Day Tribute to all Veterans at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Memorial Monument in Concho, Okla.
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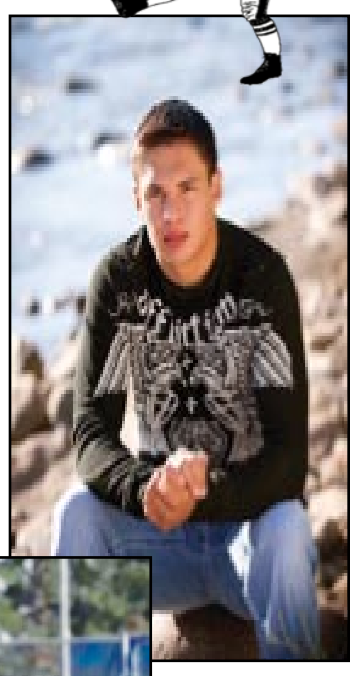
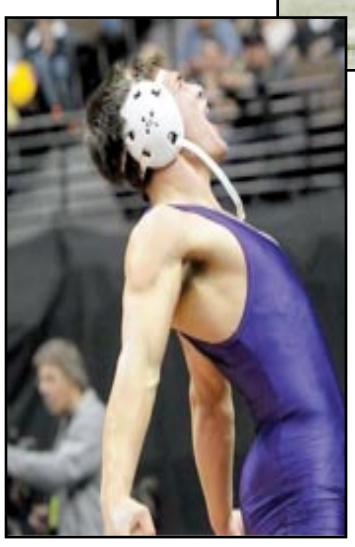


Aaron Velasquez, Cheyenne and Arapaho, is an accomplished all-around athlete and a 2012 graduate of Bayfield High School in Bayfield, Colo.

Aaron is a two time Colorado State Wrestling Champion. In 2012 he won the Colorado State Championship at 160 lbs. with a record of 28-2. He received All-State honors and will wrestle at the All-State Games in June. Aaron placed 7th at the prestigious National High School Coaches Association Senior National Wrestling Tournament in Virginia Beach, VA, in March 2012, where he received High School All-American recognition. He was named the Denver Post's Student-Athlete of the week for the week of Feb. 26, 2012.

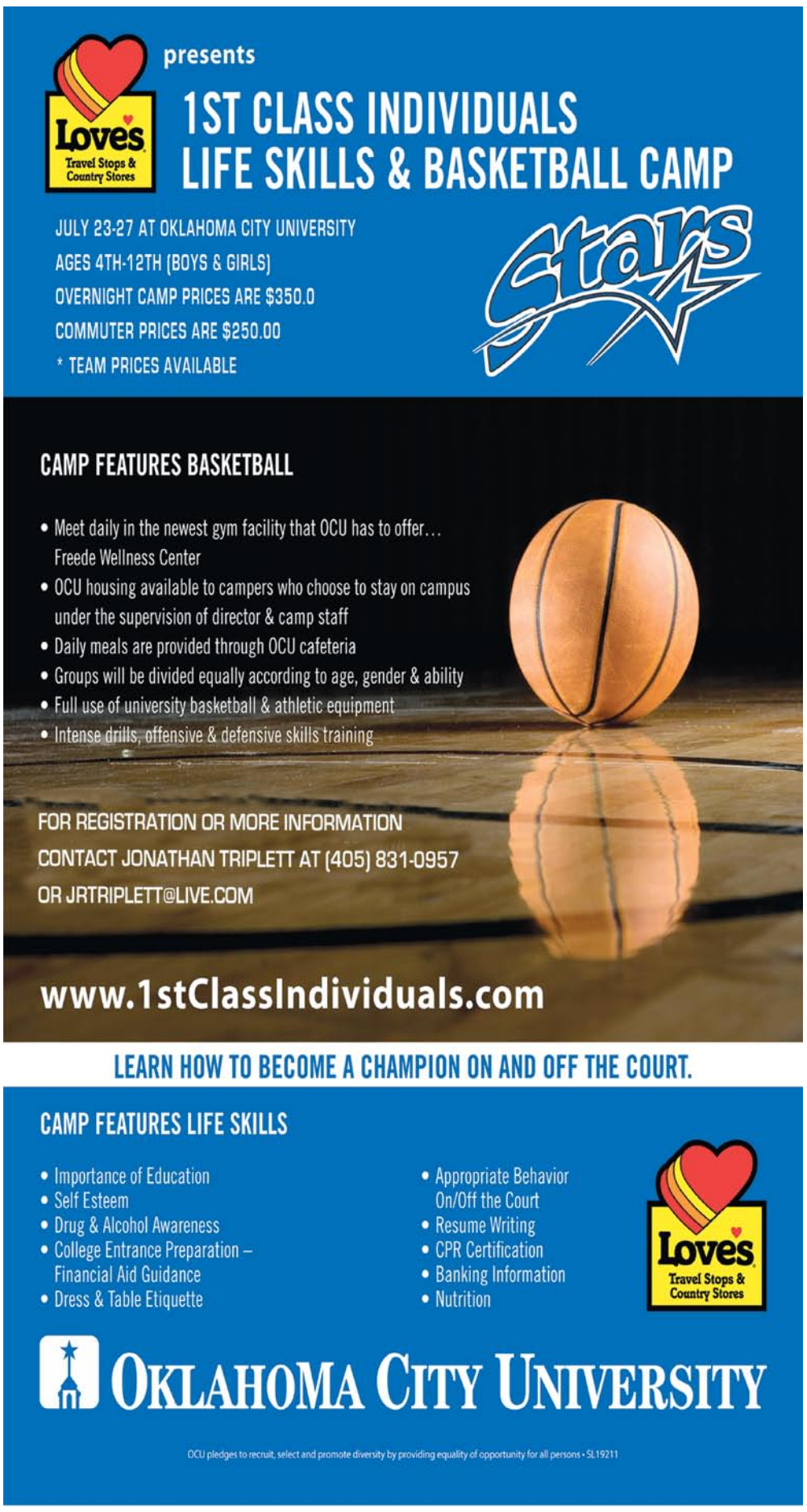


In 2011 he won the Colorado State Championship at 152 lbs. with a record of 40-0. He was selected to the All-Colorado Team and received All-State honors as well. Aaron received the prestigious 2012 United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete of the Year Award "for displaying poise, self-confidence, and leadership as a high school athlete." He has received numerous Outstanding Wrestler and MVP awards at various tournaments throughout his high school wrestling career, and he ended his high school wrestling career in 2012 ranked in the top 30 wrestlers nation-wide at 160 lbs. according to Wrestling USA Magazine.

Aaron is a two time Colorado State Placer at the Colorado State Track Meet where he threw the discus and was a member of the state-qualifying 4x100 relay team. In 2012 Aaron placed 3rd in the discus at the Colorado State Track Meet with a throw of 150'-8", setting a new Bayfield High School record. In 2011 Aaron placed 8th in the discus with a throw of 134'-1".

Aaron graduated from Bayfield High School on May 13, 2012, with a GPA of 3.19. His photo and accomplishments are featured on the Bayfield High School Wall of Fame for his many athletic achievements, and he recently signed a Letter of Intent to wrestle for the University of Northern Colorado, Greely, Colo., a Division 1 college.

Aaron is the son of Tina Abel Velasquez, Jr. He is the grandson of Sue Greany Velasquez, Cheyenne-Arapaho and Abel Velasquez, Sr., great-grandson of Clifton Greany, Cheyenne-Arapaho, and great-grandson of Maude All Runner, Cheyenne-Arapaho.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